

Try one of our delicious Special Bricks for your Sunday dessert.  
A real treat is in store when you order



## To Our Customers

Permit us to express our appreciation of your good-will during the past year in this wish:

A Christmas of joy and all goodly things and a prosperous New Year of ever increasing Happiness.



**BROWN-WARD CO.**

## Christmas Suggestions:-

SHOES  
COATS  
SKIRTS  
WAISTS  
GROCERIES  
DRY GOODS

Come in and look about

**Gerhardt-Smith**

## ANNOUNCEMENT

I WISH to announce to the auto owners of Alma and Gratiot county that I have taken charge of the repair shop of the Reynolds Auto Sales Company in the Maier Building, opposite the Alma Roller Mills, on Essex and Hudson automobiles and will be pleased to receive a fair share of your patronage.

**Repair Work on all Makes of Cars Executed to your Satisfaction or your Money Cheerfully Refunded.**

Ten years of experience in all branches of repair work backed by the above guarantee gives me the right to expect a share of your patronage along this line.

A full line of Parts and Automobile Accessories carried in stock. Call in and let's get acquainted.

Remember the name and place.

**A. G. BIGELOW**

Maier Building, Opposite Alma Roller Mills—Phone 502

## MY CHRISTMAS WISH



A Good, Glad Christmastide, my friend,  
To you and yours is the wish I send.  
May all your tomorrows have skies of blue,  
And all your friends be loving and true.

### The Christmas Card

By MARY GRAHAM BONNER

### Bell Ringing, One of the Oldest Christmas Customs

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AM a Christmas Card. I was born shortly before Christmas of 1918. I was put away in a box after Christmas and the next year I came forth again, and the price paid upon me had risen from two cents to five.

The next year I cost ten cents. Still I did not sell.

"We'll have to charge a quarter for that card," my owner said, "and get up the prices of some of these others, or they won't be bought."

So I was a quarter. And then I cost 50 cents and was purchased.

The price mark has been left on me. I've been traveling with it written on my back ever since. Sometimes, too, I get around to a number of places around Christmas time, especially if I start off early in the first place.

So far, too, I've been greeted with joy, and an examination I do not quite understand.

"Oh, good! Here's a card which is marked fifty cents. Who would believe it possible, but no matter, it didn't. And it's not written on, either!"

I do not understand their joy over me, but they never keep me with them!

### Christmas Fish.

A fish which resembles a cod is considered by the people of Sweden as an indispensable adjunct of their Christmas feast. This fish is buried for days in wood ashes or else soaked in soda water, then boiled and served with a milk gravy.

### A Good Modeling Material.

It is often very difficult to keep a child confined to the house amused. But with a modeling material with which they can make animals, beads, etc., they can be kept amused for hours. Take four tablespoonsfuls cornstarch, eight tablespoonsfuls salt and eight tablespoonsfuls boiling water. Mix the dry ingredients and pour on the boiling water, stirring until the mixture is soft. Put on the fire and stir until it forms a soft ball, then remove from the stove and stir for ten minutes. A little color may be added. Wrap in oiled paper when not in use to keep from hardening.

### THE GIFT I CHOOSE.

GIVE me the hearthstone with the glow that warms the soul within.  
I choose the gift of kindly smiles, that wealth can never win.  
The laugh that ripples to the lips from hearts where peace abides in the fullness of content to bless the Christmas time.

### Uncompromisingly Morse.

"Christmas comes but once a year," said the ready-made philosopher.  
"Yes," replied Mr. Growcher; "a tornado doesn't come even as often as that. But consider how long it takes to get over it."

**Printing**

The kind you ought to use, when you ought to have it, that is when you really need it. We have contracted the habit of satisfying all our customers. Our work as a business getter is of the highest quality.

### It Is The Live Wire

for stomach and heart trouble. Dr. Burnham's San Yak gives you the pep in restoring health from rheumatism. You could scarcely have kidney or bladder trouble under the 90 mark by occasionally a dose. Try it to limber up the stiff joints and muscles.

This is a sample of thousands of testimonial from doctors and other people.

### BEATS FIVE DOCTORS

writes J. L. Morgan, Elmore, Ohio, "April 25, 1918, I was taken very sick. Had four doctors at different times. They didn't know what ailed me. Finally I went to a Kidney Specialist. He examined the urine and pronounced it a bad case of Bright's Disease of the Kidneys, as my urine was half albumen. I asked him if he could cure me. He said, 'No; no man could cure me,' but gave me some medicine; but the medicine did me no good. From that time on I got worse. Then I saw a testimonial in the Toledo Blade, where San Yak had cured Bright's Disease. Then I bought two bottles of San Yak, took the medicine as directed. Before I had taken the second bottle I saw an improvement. Then I bought a dozen bottles. I was sure the medicine was just what I wanted. I took one dozen bottles in all; and today I am a well man. As to my urine, it is perfect. I don't think there is a better medicine in the world today than San Yak; and you are welcome to the use of this letter."

McBrides, Mich., July 7, 1919.

Burnham Medical Co. San-Yak will do all you claim—it is a fine medicine for anemia of the blood and has cured cases of rheumatism of long standing. When one doctor's kidneys he is renewing the whole body. One can always depend on San-Yak.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) L. P. Bailey, M. D.

Mr. F. E. Hildebrand, 889 Cottage Avenue, Wabash, Ind.

"The doctors said I had Bright's Disease, and high blood pressure of 186. I was sick and dizzy, stiff and clumsy in my muscles. I was so weak I could scarcely walk. My daughter heard of San-Yak, and sent me a bottle nine years ago and before the first bottle was gone I was feeling fine. San-Yak had cured me and for the benefit of others you are welcome to the use of this letter."

Sold by Chas. R. Murphy—adver-

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ARCADIA

I will be at the Ithaca National Bank on Thursdays—Dec. 8, 15, 22, 29 and Jan. 5, and at the Alma State Savings Bank on Saturdays—Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, and Jan. 7, also Monday, Jan. 9, for the purpose of collecting taxes. Telephone: Alma, 2143, 28-6w Roy S. Keefer, Taxer

## Big Reduction in Federal Tire Prices

	Fabric	Cord
30x3	\$ 9.25	
30x3½	10.75	\$17.75
32x4	24.00	31.00
34x4½		41.00
35x5		51.50

Excise Tax is Additional

In this great slaughter of prices the quality of Federal Tires has been maintained.

**Fuller Tire & Electric Co.**

## The Central Michigan Light & Power Co.

TAKES THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK ITS PATRONS FOR THE BUSINESS OF THE PAST YEAR, AND WISHES ITS CUSTOMERS A VERY

*Merry Christmas*

ATTENDED WITH MANY BLESSINGS AND A HAPPY, PROSPEROUS

*New Year*

## Christmas Spirit

Opportunity is the watchword of the soul. It keeps us awake to the fullness of living, and at Christmas time what a golden opportunity is ours to wish you in the spirit of the day



**A Merry Christmas  
and  
A Happy New Year**



**Crandell & Scott**